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SUBJECT:SAG DESIRES TO HIRE SOCIAL SECURITY EXPERTS

REF: (A) JIDDA 6563; (B) STATE 263520

1. WE ARE POUCHING TODAY (ATTENTION BIRD) LETTER FROM SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION COMPUTER EXPERT SIDNEY S. NIBALI TO IBRAHIM AL-ZAID, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE SAUDI GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR SOCIAL INSURANCE, IN FURTHER REPLY TO THE REQUEST OUTLINED REFTEL (A).

2. SUMMARY OF NIBALI LETTER FOLLOWS: REQUEST FOR ONLY ONE ADDITIONAL EXPERT DISAPPOINTING IN VIEW PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN NIBALI AND AL-ZAID, WHICH ENVISAGED AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL EXPERTS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY EXPANDED TEAM EFFORT. INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION EXPERTS AND MANAGEMENT HERE REINFORCE NIBALI'S INITIAL CONCLUSION THAT AT LEAST FOUR (TOTAL) EXPERTS NEEDED IF SAUDI PLANS ARE TO SUCCEED. SSA WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE THREE EXPERTS IN ADDITION TO NIBALI-FOR A FOUR-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING IN MID-JANUARY WITH NIBALI'S ARRIVAL; OTHER EXPERTS WOULD FOLLOW SOON AFTER. ESTIMATED COST THIS FOUR-MAN, FOUR-MONTH MISSION WOULD BE \$75,000. NIBALI'S BEST PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT IS THAT THIS SIZE MISSION IS MINIMUM NECESSARY, AND HE HOPES AL-ZAID WILL BE ABLE TO REVISE REQUEST ALONG THESE LINES. IF NOT, NIBALI PREPARED PROCEED

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TO SAUDI ARABIA ALONG WITH ONE ADDITIONAL EXPERT (REF B),

WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT HE AND SSA FORESEE INCREASING
DIFFICULTY AND LESSENERD CHANCE OF SUCCESS WITH THIS
APPROACH.

3. IN VIEW SHORT TIME, YOU MAY WISH DISCUSS NIBALI'S
VIEWS WITH AL-ZAID IN GENERAL TERMS PENDING RECEIPT
NIBALI LETTER. KISSINGER

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